



Commuter ChoiceSM Employer E-Update

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The Commuter Choice Employer E-Update: Providing the Latest Highlights to Commuter Choice Employers

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1. **Upcoming ACT International Conference Panels Highlight Commuter Choice Employers & Champions**

Are you going to the ACT Conference in Philadelphia August 25-28? If you are, be sure to visit our booth and don't forget to check out three breakout sessions that discuss various aspects of the Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative!

The first CCLI breakout session is Monday, August 26 at 10:15: "Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative Overview and Updates". In this session, we will update you on our progress in establishing the National Standard of Excellence for employer provided commuter benefits.

The second CCLI breakout session will be moderated by Peggy Hetherington of METROPOOL. METROPOOL is one of our Commuter Choice Employers and a Commuter Choice Champion as well! This panel, entitled "Commuter Choice Partnerships" is on Tuesday, August 27 at 10:15 and Commuter Choice Champions on the panel will share ways they've leveraged the Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative to enhance employer participation in their programs. This panel will feature Veronica Baxter-Lamb, Houston-Galveston Area Council and Jennifer Gunderson from the Moffett Park TMA, Sunnyvale, California.

The final CCLI breakout session, "Commuter Choice Success Stories" is on Wednesday, August 28 at 10:15. Commuter Choice Employer representatives Dave Entrekin from University of California at Davis, Tony Offurum from Westchester County SMART Commute Program and Michele Wagner at CH2M Hill will share their successes and "lessons learned" in providing leading edge commuter benefits!

For more information and registration details, visit <http://tmi.cob.fsu.edu/act/> on the Internet and click on "2002 ACT International Conference".

2. **Federal and State Funding for Commuter Choice**

Want to know more about opportunities for you or your community to fund your commuter choice programs? On July 10, we hosted a phone forum on federal and state funding opportunities for commuter choice. For details on the forum, visit our web-site at <http://www.commuterchoice.gov/employ/ph-forumindex.htm> and look for the summary of the forum titled “Federal and State Funding Opportunities to Support Commuter Choice”. These forums are available exclusively to Commuter Choice Employers.

Also, keep a look out for your invitation to our next phone forum in September on implementing a successful vanpool program!

3. **Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative Welcomes the American Law Institute, Philadelphia, PA and Trust Administrators, Inc. out of Oakland, California**

The **American Law Institute**, which was the first employer to sign on with the Initiative since we started focusing our efforts in the Philadelphia area, was founded in 1923 and is based in Philadelphia. AMI drafts and then publishes various restatements of the law, model codes, and other proposals for legal reform. The entire legal profession often references the American Law Institute’s work.

Trust Administrators, Inc. has, since 1984, been the leading administrator of COBRA, Cafeteria and Commuter Benefit Plans! The company features “smart” card technology for Health and Daycare FSAs as well as commuter benefits.

Welcome to both employers!

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